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"DUCK SICKNESS" FILMED  
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A tragedy from wild life is depicted in the new United States Department of Agriculture educational motion picture, "Duck Sickness--A Menace to Western Waterfowl."

The film tells the dread story of the mysterious scourge that has periodically cursed the alkaline waters of the Western States, attacking all species of wild waterfowl and shore birds that visit these natural feeding grounds, and numbering its victims in the millions. The alkalinity of the water itself was formerly believed to be the direct cause of the plague. In 1930, however, workers of the Bureau of Biological Survey, assisted by specialists in the Bureau of Animal Industry, succeeded in discovering the bacterium that actually produces the disease, and identified the malady as "botulism." Effective control practices shown in the film, promise greatly to reduce losses from this disease, and to become an important factor in the conservation of the waterfowl.

The new picture contains some striking photography of birds in flight and should be of great interest to sportsmen and conservationists. Copies are available in both 35mm. and 16mm. widths. It is a 2-reel silent film.

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